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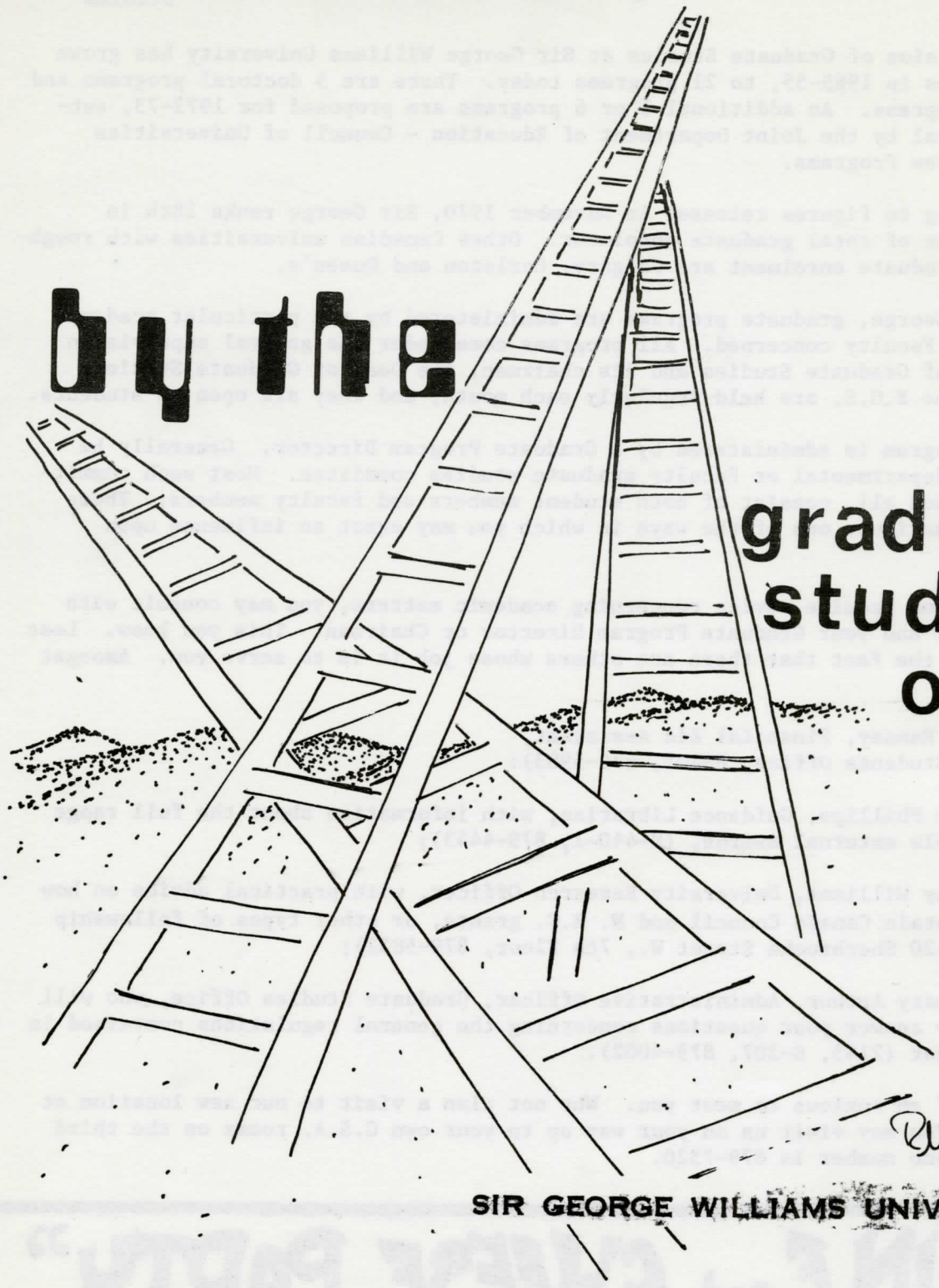

graduate students of

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

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By: Stanley G. French,
Dean of Graduate
Studies

The Division of Graduate Studies at Sir George Williams University has grown from 2 programs in 1965-55, to 21 programs today. There are 5 doctoral programs and 16 masters programs. An additional 5 or 6 programs are proposed for 1972-73, subject to approval by the Joint Department of Education - Council of Universities Committee on New Programs.

According to figures released in November 1970, Sir George ranks 18th in Canada in terms of total graduate enrolment. Other Canadian universities with roughly the same graduate enrolment are Calgary, Carleton and Queen's.

At Sir George, graduate programs are administered by the particular academic department or Faculty concerned. All programs come under the general supervision of the Board of Graduate Studies and its chairman, the Dean of Graduate Studies. Meetings of the B.G.S. are held regularly each month; and they are open to students.

Each program is administered by a Graduate Program Director. Generally he works with a departmental or Faculty graduate studies committee. Most such committees, though not all, consist of both student members and faculty members. These committees constitute one of the ways in which you may exert an influence upon your program.

Should you require advice concerning academic matters, you may consult with your teachers, and your Graduate Program Director or Chairman. This you know. Less well known is the fact that there are others whose job it is to serve you. Amongst them:

1. Mr. David Ramsay, Financial Aid Assistant,
   (Dean of Students Office, H-405, 879-5983):

2. Mrs. Jayne Phillips, Guidance Librarian, with information about the full range of available external awards, (H-440-1, 879-4443);

3. Miss Audrey Williams, University Research Officer, with practical advice on how best to obtain Canada Council and N. R.C. grants, or other types of fellowship awards (1420 Sherbrooke Street W., 7th Floor, 879-5852);

3. Mrs. Rosemary Arthur, Administrative Officer, Graduate Studies Office, who will cheerfully answer your questions concerning the general regulations contained in the Calendar (2145, S-207, 879-4002).

I myself am anxious to meet you. Why not plan a visit to our new location at 2145 Mackay? You may visit us on your way up to your own G.S.A. rooms on the third floor. My phone number is 879-7320.

"WINE and CHEESE PARTY"

an INVITATION
TO ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10th TIME: 9:00 p.m. Where: H-651
Hall Building

Come and meet your fellow students and some of your Professors!!!

QUGS

Do you ever wonder what the Conference of Graduate Students of Quebec does for you??? The following resoluations are part of a number passed at their Conference May 21-22 of this year. If you want to read the whole document, drop into the G.S.A. office and ask for a copy.

We recommend that the transfer of credits for graduate courses and/or research from one university to another be facilitated.

We feel it is extremely important and therefore demand that graduate students participate fully in the making of decisions affecting post-graduate studies at the provincial level, on the Conseil des Universities and at the level of university administration.

In view of the fact that research done by graduate students contributes to the academic and scientific reputation of the university and of the high costs graduate students already bear, we recommend that the university cover the cost of producing the final copies of theses.

We hope that the universities will offer a minimum of technical assistance for the more routine work involved in research projects in order that graduate students may more effeciently and profitably make use of their time.

We undertake to collect all the necessary information concerning financial resources of all graduate students in order to study their needs and offer assistance where necessary.

Some universities have effective means of defending the rights of graduate students. We recommend that these exist in all universities with the full participation of graduate students.

For graduate students doing research work where a certain danger is involved (eg. chemistry) we recommend that the universities implement immediately a compulsory collective accident insurance plan.

GRADUATE STUDENTS IN RELATION TO SOCIETY (Part III of Resoluations)

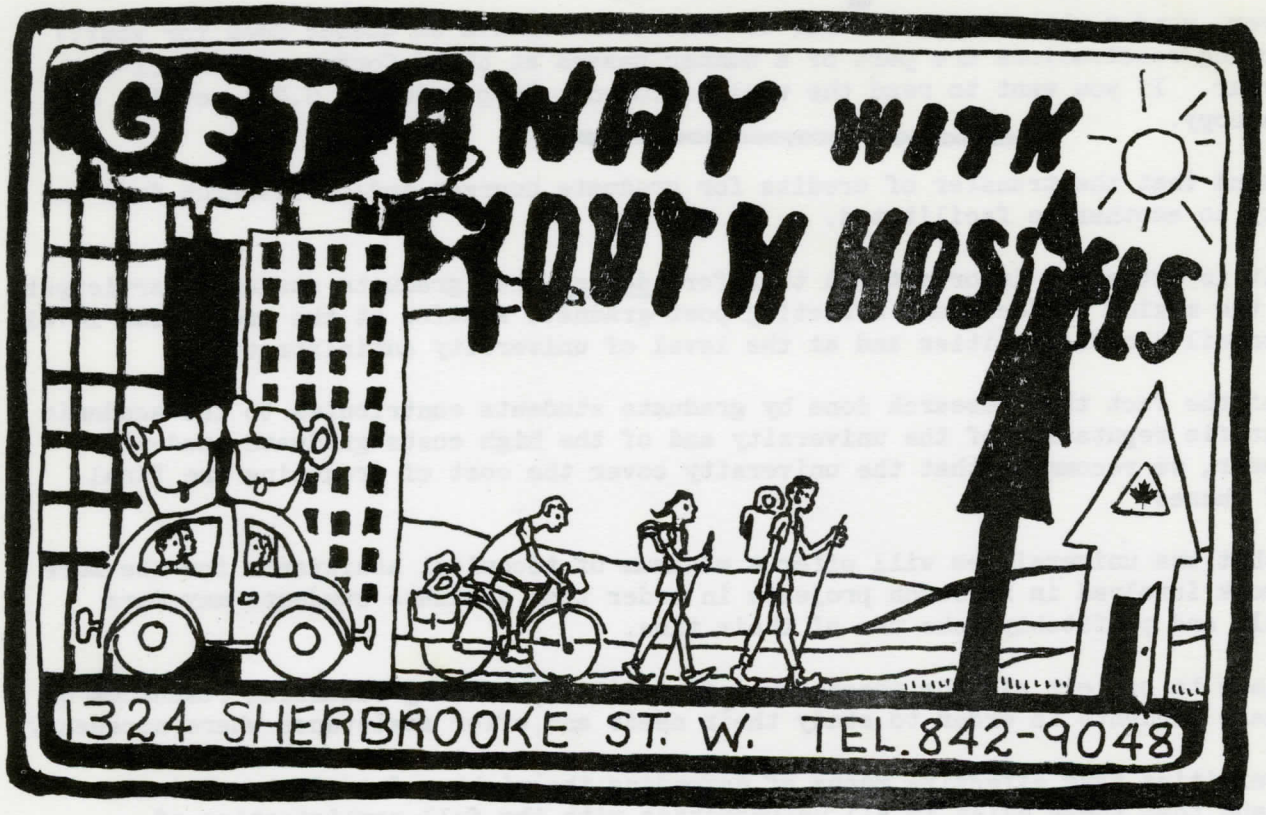
We regret that there has been no adequate forecasting and action on the part of placement services and of the Department of Labour with regard to employment of university graduates. It is extremely urgent that the government make meaningful use of intellectual resources it has developed in Quebec at great expense.

We deplore that fact that too often universities accept the greatest number of graduate students possible in order to increase government grants without taking into consideration employment possibilities for their graduates. We propose that a new system of university financing be found with a view to developing a superior quality, rather than the present mass production, of graduates.

Given the progressively more limited labour market in proportion to the increasing number of university students, it is unfortunately becoming necessary to include university students in the unemployment insurance plan.

We ask that the Quebec Department of Labour create an advisory committee to study employment or unemployment problems which the graduate students of Quebec face and hopefully to find solutions to these problems.

HELP* HELP* In order to make the Quo Vadis a viable organ of Communication for the Graduate Students here at S.G.W., We need your COMMENTS AND CRITICISMS...What do you THINK OF IT...Write to the Editor, co G.S.A. Office 1435 Mackay St...



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